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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE: PUERTO
RICAN PARTICIPATION

REF: GEORGETOWN 892

1. ARA/CAR JOHN BURKE SPOKE WITH PUERTO RICAN UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE ORTIZ BY PHONE EXPLAINING:

A. DEPT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE THE PUERTO RICAN SECRE-
TARY OF HEALTH JOSE A. ALVAREZ SERVE AS HEAD OF US
OBSERVER DEL TO CHMC;

B. THAT WE ARE STUDYING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SEPARATE
PUERTO RICAN PARTICIPATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP
AND WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS IT WITH APPROPRIATE PUERTO
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RICAN OFFICIALS;

C. THAT THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICAN PARTICIPATION IN SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD FIRST BE DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPT BEFORE PUERTO RICO APPROACHES THE ORGANIZATION.

2. THIS AFTERNOON(JUNE 13) ORTIZ NOTIFIED BURKE THAT ALVAREZ CANNOT BE REACHED TO ARRANGE HIS COMMITMENT TO UPCOMING CHMC SESSION. DEPT, THEREFORE, WILL ACCREDIT DR. JAMES KING FROM HEW TO HEAD US OBSERVER DEL. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ORTIZ HAS AGREED THAT PUERTO RICO WILL NOT ATTEND CHMC AS SEPARATE DEL OR INFORMAL OBSERVER.

3. IN EVENT THAT ALVAREZ OR OTHER PUERTO RICAN SHOWS UP, USDEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH DEPT. (JACKSON 229-1496 HOME PHONE, 632-2650) ASAP FOR INSTRUCTIONS RE STATUS OF RP REP.

4. FYI: POLICY MEMCON (BLAKE AND AGRAIT) FOLLOWS SEPTTEL BUT SUPERSEDED BY THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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